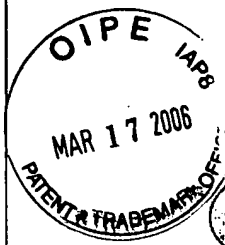


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance mailed January 31, 2006, Applicants note that the language of each independent claim does not recite "a plurality of data couplers connected between the data writer and the USB hub" as alleged in the Examiner's statement. Independent claims 22 and 24 do not recite a USB hub. In addition, the paragraph of the Examiner's statement beginning "In summary...", Applicants do not agree that each independent claim recites the features mentioned in this paragraph.

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